2001 Flash Flood / River Flood Related Fatalities

In 2001, flooding (flash floods, river floods, and urban/small stream floods) caused 48 fatalities, compared to 38 in 2000. The 10-year average for flood deaths is 88. Of the 48 deaths, 24 (50%) of the victims were in a vehicles and 12 (25%) were directly in water. Texas (9) and Arizona (6) accounted for 31% of flood fatalities. Several fatalities occurred on November 15 in Texas when up to 10 inches of rain fell, causing rivers, streams, and creeks to overflow their banks onto roadways. Most of the fatalities occurred when occupants of vehicles stranded while crossing water covered roadways attempted to reach safety but were swept downstream.

Flash floods caused 35 deaths; river and stream floods caused 13. In 2001, 29 of the flooding victims were male (60%) and 19 were female (40%). Fifty-nine percent of the fatalities were in the 0 to 29 age group; however, the 50- to 59-age group also had 15% of the fatalities.

STATE	BO	<u>BU</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u> </u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	TOTAL
AZ	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	6
FL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
KS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
KY	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
MN	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
MO	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OH	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PR	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
SC	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TX	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	9
VA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WV	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
TOTAL	0	0	0	12	1	8	3	24	48
PERCENT	0	0	0	25	2	17	6	50	100

	FEMALE	MALE	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	TOTAL	PERCENT
0 TO 9	2	7	0	9	19
10 TO 19	3	6	0	9	19
20 TO 29	4	6	0	10	21
30 TO 39	2	3	0	5	10
40 TO 49	1	2	0	3	6
50 TO 59	6	1	0	7	15
60 TO 69	0	2	0	2	4
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	2
80 TO 89	0	1	0	1	2
90 TO	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	1	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	19	29	0	48	100
PERCENT	40	60	0	100	

LEGEND BO - Boat BU - Business CA - Camping IW - In Water MH - Mobile Home OT - Other/Unknown PH - Permanent Home VE - Vehicle

Flash Flood / River Flood Related Fatalities (Continued)

STATE	FLASH FLOOD	RIVER FLOOD	<u>TOTAL</u>
AZ	6	0	6
FL	1	1	2
GA	1	0	1
IL	0	1	1
IN	0	2	2
KS	1	0	1
KY	2	0	2
MI	0	3	3
MN	0	3	3
MO	3	0	3
MS	0	1	1
OH	3	0	3
PA	1	0	1
PR	2	0	2
SC	1	1	2
TN	0	1	1
TX	9	0	9
VA	1	0	1
WA	1	0	1
WV	3	0	3
TOTAL	35	13	48
PERCENT	73	27	100

	FLASH FLOOD	RIVER FLOOD	TOTAL	PERCENT
FEMALE	15	4	19	40
MALE	20	9	29	60
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	35	13	48	100
PERCENT	73	27	100	